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Amendments to the Abstract:

Please add the abstract at page 16 line 1, as follows:

--ABSTRACT

The data packets with a maximum allowable delay and an average packet rate are aggregated in a node of the network of a burst and the burst is transmitted with a number of packets. The number of packets per burst is determined by the result of plus/minus twenty percent of the sum of the value one plus a product of the maximum allowable delay, the average packet rate and the value two.--